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ARE HARD TIMES AHEAD?

John D. Rockefeller, in the course of a recent interview, said that hard times might be looked for about 1907. He thought by that date there would be ten million people out of employment and said: "Unless we have internal improvements for them to work on they will burn our cities."

If there is any definite law governing the periodical depressions in the United States, and Mr. Rockefeller has found it, he ought to give the secret up. Then something might be done by way of precaution. It is obvious, for one thing, if Mr. Rockefeller's prophecy is correct, that the time has come to limit European immigration; for if there are soon to be millions of people out of work, there is no use in letting in millions more to compete with them for the jobs that will be left.

The question of internal improvements on a vast scale might also be discussed and disposed of. Good roads are everywhere desired; there is an enormous irrigation project for the arid States; rivers and harbors need attention; there is a vast public domain in the Philippines to be opened up. If it were at all certain that 10,000,000 people would be clamoring for bread in the United States three years from now, the sooner some of these projects were settled upon the better.

But who knows? The conditions of prosperity in the United States have not been seriously impaired. Crops are still abundant and in demand; exports are vast; the inflow of gold from the mines has not abated; new markets are opening up in the Far East and a canal is promised which will make access to them easier; war brings all sorts of possibilities for a producing nation not engaged in making it; there is still room for millions of people in the farming belts. Why, then, should a collapse be near? Mr. Rockefeller does not say why. He merely raises his voice in prophecy, perhaps with the expectation of making something on a bear market.

IMPORTS FROM AMERICA.

"The imports of the grand divisions and principal countries of the world and the share thereof supplied by the United States" is the title of a table just presented by the Department of Commerce through its Bureau of Statistics. It shows, as the title indicates, the total imports of each of the principal countries of the world, the amount of those imports drawn from the United States, and the percentage our products form of the total imports. The statement shows that of the \$8,141,054,000 worth of merchandise imported by Europe in 1902 the United States supplied \$1,211,356,000, or 14.88 per cent of the total. North America, other than the United States, imported merchandise to the value of \$410,773,000, of which the United States supplied \$215,866,000, or 52.55 per cent. South America imported \$349,691,000, of which \$43,878,000, or 12.55 per cent, was from the United States. Asia's imports were \$965,550,000, of which \$50,167,000, or 5.2 per cent, was from the United States. Africa's imports were \$436,256,000, of which \$24,333,000, or 5.58 per cent, was from the United States. The imports of Oceania were \$292,107,000, of which \$34,855,000, or 11.93 per cent, was drawn from the United States. This figure for Oceania does not include the Hawaiian Islands, which are considered as a part of the United States, or the Dutch or French East Indies, which are included with Asia. In a word, Europe drew 14.88 per cent of her imports from the United States; North America, other than the United States, 52.55 per cent; South America, 12.55 per cent; Asia, 5.2 per cent; Africa, 5.58 per cent, and Oceania 11.93 per cent of her total imports from the United States.

These figures of the imports of the various countries are taken from the official reports of those countries and represent their own statement of imports from the United States and not from a statement of our exports to those countries.

Taking a few of the more important countries it may be said that the United Kingdom took 24.03 per cent of her imports from the United States; Germany, 15.86 per cent from the United States; France, 9.67 per cent; Netherlands, 10.79 per cent; Belgium, 11.59 per cent; Spain, 12.62 per cent; China, 9.26 per cent; Japan 17.9 per cent; Commonwealth of Australia, 11.92 per cent; New Zealand, 11.65 per cent; Philippine Islands, 12.46 per cent; Cape of Good Hope, 9.52 per cent; Argentina, 12.91 per cent; Colombia, 26.37 per cent; Venezuela, 31.97 per cent; British Guiana, 31.35 per cent; Mexico, 58.91 per cent; Canada, 57.29 per cent; Cuba, 43.71 per cent; British West Indies, 33.97 per cent; and the Central American States as a whole, 43.32 per cent. It will be observed from the above figures that the countries most nearly

contiguous to the United States are those which take the largest proportion of their imports from this country. Mexico takes 58.91 per cent of her imports from the United States, Canada 57.29 per cent, Cuba 43.71 per cent, Central American States 43.32 per cent, and the British West Indies 33.97 per cent, while the South American countries fronting upon the Caribbean Sea took about one-third of their imports from the United States, and those of South America lying farther south took but about 10 to 12 per cent of their imports from the United States. In the trade with European countries those with which we have the most complete and frequent steamship connection, namely, the United Kingdom and Germany, show a higher percentage of their imports from the United States than do any others of the important European countries. In the case of the United Kingdom 24.03 per cent and Germany 15.86 per cent, while Europe, as a whole, takes but 14.88 per cent of her imports from the United States.

In buying tickets to a theater the general public ought to have a fair show at the place where tickets are advertised for sale. If the selling agency is a store, well and good; let the public go there to buy on equal terms. On the other hand if a messenger boy owns the seating accommodations of the show let the public have a chance at him; but don't advertise that tickets may be had at a store when the only desirable ones are in the hands of a messenger boy outside the store. If the present system is to go the only safe rule will be for everybody to cut the store out and leave orders with the messenger boy, letting him act for the whole playing community.

Inquiries made by the Russian ambassador as to why the North Pacific squadron had been ordered to Honolulu, may account for the change of program by which only the New York and Bennington are coming. The orders were coincident with those to Admiral Evans permitting the squadron at Subig bay to venture into Chinese waters. This excited the Russian embassy, according to the Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer, and it may have led to a reduction in the number of vessels assigned to call here.

When the Japanese squadron approaches Port Arthur nothing is seen of the Russian fleet and of the much-vaunted submarines. The forty-two vessels still there keep well back of the forts. Only on the other side of Korea do the Russians show naval activity and there they have succeeded in sinking two small merchant steamers. It is not a very glorious record for the Czar's fleet but it is not without Russian precedents.

Mr. Hearst failed, after all, to get the Texas delegates. Most of his convention support comes from the Democrats of Republican States. In Democratic and doubtful States, the Democracy has a more practical use for its ballots.

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A soldier who lived at Irkutsk
Was fat, and a coward to bootsk.
When he went out to fight;
At the first bloody sight
He'd hunt for a good chance to
scootsk.
A patriot living at Omsk
Started out with the army to romsk;
But he frosted his feet,
And was heard to repeat,
"Gee whizzki, I wish I was homsk."
A soldier of Tsaringobentsk
Stripped his mess of their very last
centsk,
Till to his great regret
'Gainst four aces he bet,
Which left him financially bentk.
A private who hailed from Nertsinsk
Became so exceeding thinsk
That while cleaning his gun
When the day's fight was done
He looked down the bore and fell insk.
—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

The engine department of the steamer Gaelic will in future be looked after by G. T. Hodder. J. Richardson, the former chief engineer, was detached at Hongkong, and on arrival of the Celtic there, will take charge of her engines. Mr. Hodder has been first assistant engineer of the Gaelic for over four years, and for the past seven years has been on the payroll of the Occidental and Oriental Steamship Company.—Examiner.

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